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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD

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1. ECON COUNSELOR RAISED SUBJECT CHINESE REPRESENTATION AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 7 REFTEL WITH ASSISTANT DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER WILLIAM HOOD ON DECEMBER 20. HOOD PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY NOTING THAT ANY FINAL DECISION ON CHIREP QUESTION WOULD BE MADE BY EXTAFF. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS OUR REPRESENTATIONS WITH EXTAFF AND UNDERTOOK INFORM US LATER OF DECISION.

2. HOOD AGREED PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) HAS NOT INDICATED INTEREST IN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BANK OR FUND. HE SAID HE COULD SAFELY ASSURE US GOC WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE TO PRECIPITATE EXPULSION REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC). HE ADDED HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT POSITION GOC WOULD TAKE IF U.S. INTRODUCES COUNTER-RESOLUTION STATING THAT ROC EXPULSION NOT AN ISSUE IN ABSENCE PRC INTEREST IN JOINING BANK AND FUND. HOOD THOUGHT THAT IN EVENT OF PRC DECISION APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP, GOC WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT SUPPORT APPLICATION AND VOTE FOR ROC EXPULSION.

3. ON QUESTION OF LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF PRC MEMBERSHIP, HOOD RECALLED THAT PRC HAD REPUTATION OF HONORING PRE-1949 TREATIES AND PERHAPS SOME ARRANGEMENT FOR PRC ASSUMPTION ROC OBLIGATIONS TO BANK MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. ON OTHER HAND, HE SPECULATED, TAIWAN MIGHT WANT TO CONTINUE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS OWN DEBTS TO BANK IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ITS INTERNATIONAL CREDIT REPUTATION.
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